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This announcement comes with many BIG emotions for me and the team at Desert Voices (DV). In a few months, I will be stepping down from my role as Executive Director of Desert Voices. DV will always hold a special place in my heart and I will be forever grateful for the time spent, lessons learned and experiences I have had with the DV community. I'm leaving behind an incredible organization, team, board of directors and families.

I have been with DV since 2009! The opportunity to join the DV team came at a time in my life when I was seeking more from my career. I was needing my time away from my family to make a bigger difference in the world. DV has provided me with that opportunity every step of the way. Together we accomplished great things, but most importantly we remained true to our mission - giving children a VOICE, even during the most difficult of times.

My belief in and passion for DV's mission will never go away. I am confident that the next Executive Director will be the right person and will continue to expand DV's reach. In the coming weeks, our Board of Directors will be actively engaged in finding the right leader to succeed me. During this transition, I will continue to lead the organization, support the team and help with the recruiting process. We will announce our selection to you as soon as possible.

At the end of every school year I say "it is bittersweet to say goodbye to our families moving to their next school". This goodbye is no different. This is definitely bittersweet, but I am excited about my next opportunity and the time I will have with not just my immediate family, but also my extended family. Over the past two years, I have definitely learned time is precious. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my journey with DV.

With Gratitude,

DeeAnn Chapman

DeeAnn was first introduced to Desert Voices in 2005 when she co-chaired an annual golf event benefiting the school. She joined the Desert Voices team in January 2009 and stepped into the Executive Director role in November 2013. She enjoys working alongside a passionate, dedicated team, supporting families committed to a listening and spoken language education and fostering positive relationships with community partners.

DeeAnn was born and raised in Oregon and moved to Arizona in June of 1995. During her downtime she looks forward to spending time with her husband Tom, twin boys Jack and Sam, and two Weimaraners Bowie and Margaux. She enjoys traveling with her family, especially to her hometown in Oregon wine country, planting and tending to their flower gardens, spending a quiet evening at home, or ending the day with a family dinner.